

News briefs

No Eifel Times

There will be no Eifel Times Dec. 27 or Jan. 3. Submission deadline for the Jan. 10 edition is Jan. 1.

Brigadier general select

Col. Stephen P. Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, was recently nominated for the rank of brigadier general.

Deck the halls with the Deckers!

AFN's Chris & Debbie Decker celebrate the holidays on Eifel 105.1 FM Wednesday from 8-11 a.m. They'll play Yuletide favorites plus hand out presents from Santa's helpers to people working on Christmas Day.

Package pick up

During the holiday season, people should check their mail and pick up packages daily to help relieve overcrowding in the post office storage area. The parcel pick up window opens at 6 a.m. on Spangdahlem AB and at 7 p.m. on the Bitburg Annex now through Dec. 27.

Claims

Anyone having claims for or against the estate of Capt. Eric Palaro, 81st Fighter Squadron, should call Capt. Jesse Winters, summary court officer, at 452-6845.

Force Protection vigilance

Current 52nd Fighter Wing directives require that organized off-base gatherings consisting of 21 or more individuals be approved by the 52nd Mission Support Group commander. See the current battle staff directives posted on the base intranet for more information. Also, base force protection officials urge Spangdahlem AB members planning to attend gatherings where large crowds of people are expected to stay alert for suspicious activities or avoid these places altogether.

Change of command

The 52nd Maintenance Group change of command takes place Jan. 3 at 3 p.m. in Hangar 1. Col. John Medlin relinquishes command to Col. Susan J. Voveris. Refreshments follow immediately at the Spang Club.

Executive leadership program

The Air Force accepts applications for the Department of Defense Executive Leadership Development Program, which begins in September. The ELDP provides a joint arena to promote understanding of the overall DOD mission. It's designed to enhance leadership and decision-making qualities for those interested in moving into senior management positions. The program is open to majors who have completed Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College. Call the military personnel flight at 452-6554 for application procedures and deadlines.

52nd MSS Spouses' Group

The 52nd Mission Support Squadron Spouses' Group meets Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex family support center, building 2001. The event features cooking tips by Ed Gavagan.

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Eifel Times

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Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

Dec. 20, 2002

General honors

Gen. Gregory Martin, left, congratulates newly promoted Tech. Sgt. Kurt Schmidbauer, of the 852nd Munitions Support Squadron Communications Maintenance Element, as Chief Master Sgt. Vickie Mauldin, tacks on his stripes at Buechel Air Base, Germany, Monday. Schmidbauer was selected for promotion through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers Program. During the visit, the U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander and USAFE command chief master sergeant also toured the base and addressed squadron members' concerns about air expeditionary force rotations, the Air Force physical fitness program and outsourcing jobs to civilian contractors.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

Team Eifel remembers A-10 pilot

By Staff Sgt. Cindy Dorfner
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Family and friends packed the base chapel to remember Capt. Eric P. Palaro at a memorial service Dec. 13.

The 81st Fighter Squadron pilot died Dec. 4 when his A-10 was involved in a mid-air collision over the Nevada Test and Training Range.

The accident involved two A-10 Thunderbolt II single-seat aircraft, which were assigned to the 57th Wing, Nellis Air Force Base. At the time of the accident, the aircraft were participating in a training mission.

Known most for his smile, Palaro arrived at Spangdahlem Air Base in June from Osan Air Base, Korea. According to friends who spoke at the service, Palaro cherished three things in his life: baseball, flying and mostly, his wife, Michelle.

Lt. Col. Pat Malackowski, 81st FS commander, said that Palaro was a great fighter pilot who achieved his lifelong dream -- flying airplanes.

A service took place at St. Anne Catholic Church in Illinois Thursday. Palaro was buried at St. Mary Nativity in Crest Hill, Ill.

Donations may be made to a memorial fund established in

Capt. Eric P. Palaro, 81st Fighter Squadron pilot, and his wife, Michelle.

the name of Capt. Eric Palaro at the Community Bank at Spangdahlem AB for the American Cancer Society and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The 52nd Fighter Wing extends its deepest condolences to the Palaro family -- Eric will never be forgotten.

Inattentive driving at flightline intersection ends in near miss

By Capt. Michael Horlbeck
52nd Fighter Wing Flight Safety Office

Recently, a driver failed to adhere to the posted warning signs and inadvertently drove out in front of a taxiing F-16 at the Barksdale Street and Taxiway Alpha intersection, missing it by about 10 feet. Only by the last-second actions of both the pilot and the driver was a collision avoided.

For the most part, only people who work on the flightline are familiar with foreign

object damage checkpoints or how to cross an active flightline intersection. For many people, the only exposure to the hazards and requirements of what to do when trying to cross an active taxiway took place years ago at the newcomers and local conditions briefing.

Crossing flightlines

An active taxiway is one that is currently being used by aircraft and tow vehicles for

movement on the air base. Spangdahlem Air Base has two portions of the taxiway that are used by privately-owned vehicles as a crossing point, which don't require control tower clearance.

These crossing points only allow POVs to drive directly across the taxiway. They don't allow turns. Drivers should think of it as a priority road for aircraft or vehicles on the taxiway.

To increase flightline crossing safety, the wing will install flashing warning lights on each side of these checkpoints to highlight this danger.

FOD checks

Accomplishing a proper foreign object damage check at flightline intersections is required and imperative. It can't be overem-

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Helping the homeless

Operation Warm Hands volunteers accept donations of adult gloves, hats and scarves for the homeless. Call Senior Airman Joshua Riley at 452-6612 to donations.

Family advocacy news

The Bitburg Annex family advocacy office is closed as of Jan. 2. The family advocacy office in Spangdahlem AB building 161 remains open for business. Call 452-8279 for more information.

Unaccompanied airmen party

The 52nd Fighter Wing unaccompanied airmen holiday party takes place Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. in the Saber Club. Event features free food, music, games and door prizes. Visit unit first sergeants for tickets. Tickets are also available at the door.

DRMO holiday hours

The Bitburg Annex DRMO office closes Thursday and Dec. 27. The office opens Dec. 30-31 and Jan. 2-3 with limited business hours. Call 452-9299 to make turn-in and redistribution appointments during the holidays. Regular office hours resume Jan. 6.

Medical training

Medical group facilities close Jan. 9 for regularly scheduled medical readiness training and other official functions. Services normally offered on holidays and weekends will still be available. For urgent care, visit the Bitburg Annex hospital emergency room.

Holiday shuttle schedule

Shuttle bus service stops Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Service resumes Thursday at 8 a.m. Shuttle service also stops Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. and resumes Jan. 2 at 5:45 a.m. Call vehicle dispatch at 452-6645 or 452-6715 for more information.

Vehicle ops holiday hours

The 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Operations compound closes Tuesday at 8 p.m. and reopens Thursday at 7 a.m. The compound also closes Dec. 31 at 8:30 p.m. and reopens Jan. 2 at 5:30 a.m. Units needing emergency access to the automated fuels service station can sign out a key through the 52nd Security Forces Squadron Law Enforcement Desk. Call vehicle dispatch at 452-6645 or 452-6715 for more information.

Early bird sale

The Spangdahlem AB main exchange early bird sale takes place Saturday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, the exchange features a performance by the protestant chapel choir from 1:30-3 p.m. and children's shopping hours from 4-6 p.m.

Thrift Savings Plan open season

Civilian and military employees can sign up for or change Thrift Savings Plan accounts now through Dec. 31. Visit the TSP Web site at www.tsp.gov/ or the BEST home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm for more information.

Accidents

Twenty-one Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, two of which were major.

The first was on A-48 near Polch, Germany. An airman reported a local national entered his lane, causing him to veer left. As he went left, his vehicle hit a median. There were no injuries. The airman's vehicle was towed from the scene.

The second was on Moschienstrasse in Binsfeld. An airman reported that he lost control of his vehicle and hit a guardrail as he traveled on an icy road. There were no injuries. The vehicle towed from the scene.

The minor accidents involved:

- 14 from inattentive driving.
- Three identified as speed too fast for conditions.
- Two while backing.

In addition, 32 citations were issued.

(Compiled by John W. Keeler, 52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis)

Warning system keeps Spang operating during bad weather

Color codes warn Team Eifel of dangerous road conditions

By 2nd Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

A warning of "road condition amber" Dec. 13 signaled the start of winter driving here and gave people new to Eifel winters a peak at the installation's road condition warning system.

Spangdahlem Air Base has a system that base officials implement when weather turns bad and it's determined that road conditions are likely to be unsafe.

Implementing Mission Essential Services Only, or MESO, along with color codes for road conditions are two of the ways the Spangdahlem AB community is notified of the condition of local roads and any changes to school and duty start times.

"MESO ensures the safe arrival of our folks at work," said Master Sgt. John Blackburn, 52nd Security Forces Squadron installation security superintendent. "It also authorizes the delay which is inevitable with snow and ice."

Base officials can also mandate a "stagger release" of base people, added Blackburn. This allows for "non-essential" people to be dismissed from work early and in stages, which helps keep fewer vehicles on the road during hazardous conditions.

The most common warning Team Eifel members are likely to notice during the winter is the color-coded road

MESO color codes

Green: Normal operations for all vehicles.

Amber: Roads conditions are hazardous. Exercise caution due to slush, snow, ice patches or decreased visibility.

Red: Road conditions are extremely hazardous. Drive only if you must and exercise extreme caution. Government vehicles should not be operated unless necessary for mission requirements.

Black: Driving can't be conducted safely. Vehicles should only be operated in extreme emergencies-life threatening only.

conditions, green for normal, amber for caution, red for extreme hazard and black for no driving. Road conditions at Spangdahlem AB's geographically-separated units may differ.

GSUs determine the road conditions for their areas, said Blackburn. However, the wing operations center will notify GSUs of the conditions at Spangdahlem AB.

For the latest road conditions or work reporting directions, people should avoid calling security forces and instead call work supervisors or tune to American Forces Network, added Blackburn.

Flightline

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phasized -- the driver is the first line of defense to prevent foreign object damage.

When doing this check, drivers are required to shut off vehicle engines and set the parking brake. People conducting the FOD check should look at each tire and inspect the grooves looking for any debris or objects that could potentially be dislodged and left on the taxiway. Usually, the culprit is small rocks. After removing them from the tires, place them in the FOD bin next to the warning sign.

Within the past year, the 52nd Fighter Wing has incurred almost \$420,000 in FOD damage and almost 580 man-hours to correct the problem. For the wing, that's quite a bit of money. Engine and aircraft components are expensive and sensitive to debris, but importantly is the possibility of injury or even a loss a life -- either on the ground or in the air -- due to inattention and carelessness.

Team Eifel members must take the time to be familiar with these procedures and ensure that their family members understand them as well. Failure to comply with these procedures may result in assessment of points against the U.S. Army Europe driver's license, or even suspension of driving privileges. The driver who recently experienced the near miss at the Barksdale Street and Taxiway Alpha intersection lost six months worth of on-base driving privileges.

The inconvenience is obvious, but wing members must keep in mind the consequences had the near miss been a collision instead. Every Team Eifel member is too valuable to lose.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

Above: Staff Sgt. Alexander Brown, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron, removes a small stone from a vehicle tire tread at the alpha/charlie taxiway FOD checkpoint Dec. 10. Foreign object debris, such as the small stone, can damage aircraft if sucked up by the engine intake. One of the best ways to prevent FOD from damaging wing aircraft is by carefully checking vehicle tires and wheel wells for the small bits of trash and throwing it away in the FOD checkpoint trash cans. Left: Airman 1st Class John A. DeSiata, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, uses the FOD disposal cans on taxiway alpha/charlie.

Wing captains chosen for major rank

Medical corps newest 0-5s, 0-6s also selected for promotion

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Air Force personnel officials recently announced that nearly 2,000 Air Force officers were selected for major by promotion boards held at the Air Force Personnel Center Oct. 3.

The 2002 promotion boards considered 2,703 captains in the line, judge advocate general, chaplain, medical service corps, biomedical sciences corps and nurse corps fields. They selected 1,946 for promotion to the rank of major.

52nd Fighter Wing major selects are:
Allan Hodge, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Larry Hutson**, 52nd Mission Support Group; **Timothy Ess**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; **Rodney Johns**, 52nd Dental Squadron; **Michael Richardson** and **Eva Luhman**, 22nd Fighter Squadron; **Darin Booth**, **Neil Neaderhiser** and **Paul Schulze**, 23rd Fighter Squadron; **Lee Spechler**, **Charles Wahl**, **Michael Young** and **William G. Rogers Sr.**, 81st Fighter Squadron; **Carol Gilchrist**, **Martha Wanca**, **Kirby L. Wooten III**, **Thomas Hughes**, **Eric Edelenbos**, **Jennifer Hunt** and **Larry Kroll**, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; **Winnie Lok**, 52nd Medical

Support Squadron; **Joe Del Campo**, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; **Jeffrey Dibiasi**, 52nd Munitions Support Squadron; **Thomas Kirkham**, 752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel Air Base; **Kenneth Balkcum**, **Charles E. Kaiser Jr.**, **Jeffrey Powell**, **Brynt Query**, **Lamar Settlemires** and **Michael Teigen**, NATO Airborne Early Warning and Control E-3A Component, NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen; **Paul Neidhardt**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; and **Erik Bruce**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron.

Medical corp majors and lieutenant colonels were also selected for promotion.

52nd FW lieutenant colonel selects are:
Sarady Tan, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron; **Jeffrey Calder**, 23rd FS; **Peter Kovats**, 81st FS; and **Lee Diehl**, 52nd MDOS.

52nd FW colonel selects are:
Jeffrey Swartz, 470th Air Base Squadron, NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen; and **Michael Panosian**, 52nd MDOS.

The entire list is available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. (Localized)



Members of the 52nd Medical Group Laboratory Services Flight make up this week's Top Saber Team.

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Medical Group Laboratory Services Flight
Unit responsibilities: Provides clinical laboratory testing for more than 14,000 active-duty members, family members and eligible beneficiaries. The lab coordinates specimen shipping and result retrieval with multiple reference laboratories for procedures not accomplished locally.
Number of members: 14
Team's latest contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: The flight recently completed the College of American Pathologist's reaccreditation inspection achieving an "excellent" 99.7 percent compliance on more than 1,700 inspection line items. The laboratory's outstanding performance validates its ability to provide diagnostic laboratory testing to health care providers and patients assigned to Spangdahlem Air Base, Bitburg Annex and NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen. Likewise, the laboratory's performance during the CAP reaccreditation solidifies its ability to support 52nd Fighter Wing readiness by collecting, processing and reporting HIV, lipid profiles and DNA samples associated with the SMART program.
Team's other contributions throughout the year: The laboratory's blood bank underwent an inspection by the Food and Drug Administration that resulted in zero deficiencies. Laboratory members also contribute to the readiness of Team Eifel by supporting the Blood Transshipment Center, Medical Right Start, Drug Demand and Reduction surveillance and mobile physical health assessments to geographically-separated units.

Eifel Salutes

52nd Medical Group
High energy and persistence are trademarks of **Master Sgt. Robin MacCubbin** who single-handedly audited a large portion of 15,000 dental records ... great job.
Equally energetic is **Capt. Eric Edelenbos** who is busy working but doesn't hesitate to take the time to teach staff members and pass on his knowledge.
52nd Mission Support Group
Two folks of "superstar caliber," **Staff Sgt. Anitra Nesbitt** and **Airman 1st Class Gary Verduco**, are commended for "pushing the envelope" this holiday season at the Spangdahlem Air Base Post Office. On the other hand, the **52nd Communications Squadron telephone systems team** pushes wires to keep Team Eifel connected ... congratulations for doing a great job on building 128. Last but not least is **Ralf Heine** for his outstanding efforts hosting the United States Air Forces in Europe Ski Clinic.

52nd Maintenance Group
They weren't fixing aircraft but **Maria Checkley** and **Staff Sgt. Amanda Johnson** organized the Red Ribbon Ride anti-drug awareness event and did a "fantastic job." **Master Sgt. Charles Faull** put together a great presentation explaining the repair enhancement program during the installation excellence visit. On a different type of visit, **Staff Sgt. William McCalpine** performed in the "usual outstanding manner" during a recent USAFE staff assistance evaluation.
52nd Operations Group
Capt. Chad Lewis from the 23rd Fighter Squadron is commended for making "vast" improvements to the unit's physical security program. Making vast improvements to her education is **Staff Sgt. Bobbie Perry** who recently completed her Community College of the Air Force degree. Way to go! (Compiled by 2nd Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Maj. David Duque, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron Public Health Flight commander, is this week's Top Saber Performer.

Top Saber Performer

Name: Maj. David Duque
Unit: 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron
Duty title: Public Health Flight commander
Hometown: San Antonio
Years in service: Nine
Past base assignments: Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; Little Rock AFB, Ark.; Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Md.; and Lackland AFB, Texas.
Contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Duque monitors wing population health and protection for 14,000 people. He directs surveillance for occupational and community health, disease trends and food safety monitoring of \$27 million of procured food and sanitation standards of 58 base facilities. His expertise was invaluable in the 52nd Medical Group's recent humanitarian deployment to Uganda where he ensured the health and safety of 112 deployed members from three branches of military service and nine countries.
Off-duty volunteerism and activities? Duque is an active supporter of the 52nd AMDS Morale Committee. He is also pursuing board certification in veterinary preventive medicine. Additionally, Duque is an active member of the Herforst Music Society.
What do you do for fun? Or, What's a fun thing you've done lately? I really enjoy participating in the local Herforst Music Society. It's a community band that meets weekly in the Herforst Town Hall. This group allows me to interact with the local community and get a true taste of German culture. I had a wonderful experience recently with this community band. I was asked to be their guest conductor for a concert at a center for the handicapped in Trier.
What do you like most about being stationed here? The central Europe location makes travel very convenient. Being able to see so many different countries and cultures within just a few hours drive from Spangdahlem AB is a great benefit.

From goodbye to welcome home briefing maps deployment stages

By Staff Sgt. Cindy Dorfner
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

With the wing's air expeditionary force commitments just around the corner, it's a great time for people deploying and spouses to attend the family support center's pre-deployment briefing.

Typically given each Tuesday from 1-2 p.m., the briefing provides a great deal of information for those deploying as well as those staying behind. The briefing covers three areas of deployment, with different focuses in each portion, according to Master Sgt. Tracey Rickey, FSC family readiness NCO.

Predeployment phase

The first thing Rickey stresses is making sure everyone is ready for the deployment. This includes handing out a checklist to remind people to make arrangements for bill payment, car registration, estate planning, including updating the DD Form 93 Emergency Data Form, powers of attorney, wills, etc.

Though some people might have most of this information, it's important to hear updates, Rickey said.

"One thing that recently changed is the extension policy for car registration. Folks who take deployment orders to pass and registration prior to deploying can have their vehicle registration extended, at no cost," she said. "This option is used as a last resort if they have no one who can handle this for them."

Rickey said she likes to give the briefings individually, when possible, to get to know the individual.

"It's a lot easier to tailor the briefing to fit the people when it's an individual session. I also really like for spouses to attend to show them what types of support and benefits are available while their loved one is away," Rickey said.

Another thing Rickey likes to emphasize in the pre-deployment phase is communication.

"It's really important for people to expect a different array of emotions prior to deploying," she said. "It's imperative they communicate those feelings."

To aid with communicating, the FSC has a variety of help. Rickey hands out letter writing kits. She also tells the family that if they don't have access to e-mail, they can stop by the FSC and set up a free e-mail account, as well as make morale calls during FSC operating hours.

She also has deployment-based coloring books, as well

as coloring calendars for children.

"It's not just about the spouse because children sometimes have difficulties with deployment as well," she said.

Deployment phase

This part of the briefing is more directly related to those staying behind, Rickey said. She talks about different programs designed to support family members here, such as video calls to certain deployed locations, cooking clubs, key spouse group, free car services, decreased credit card rates, Give Parents a Break and more.

"There are all kinds of programs here for people to get involved in," Rickey said. "We're in the process of planning a deployed family day where we'll make morale calls, have some food and socialize."

Reunion phase

Rickey said while the FSC does have information for reunions, she plans to start doing more in this area.

"It's difficult to leave and be away from loved ones, but sometimes people don't realize what impact coming back together has," she said. "After the initial sadness of the person leaving, those left behind create a schedule and are able to function without that person. When they come back, it's a shock to the routine that's been established."

Those who have reunion difficulties can call Rickey, who will refer them to someone who can help.

Rickey said the briefing, which is mandatory for anyone deploying for more than 30 days, could help even the most seasoned deployer.

"A lot of times, people only pay attention to what applies to them," she said. "For instance, a person who was single last time they deployed probably didn't pay much attention to the reunion portion. Now, if they're married, there's a lot of really important information, not only for them, but for their spouse."

Benefits for family members can help during a deployment. Rickey encourages spouses to attend the briefing, but if it's not possible, she stresses the importance of the deploying person to pass along the information at home.

"A lot of times, the deploying person gets so much information, they forget to pass it along," she said. "After they deploy, there are a lot of programs geared for the well-being of the family, so it's important they know about it."

For more briefing or deployment benefits information, call the FSC at 452-6422.

Static electricity cause of fueling fires

Customers can prevent potential hazards by staying outside of vehicle during fill up

DALLAS — Static electricity build-up is most likely to occur during the winter months, when the air is cool or cold and dry. Army and Air Force Exchange Service, which operates service stations worldwide, reminds motorists of the importance of avoiding potential problems with static electricity at the gas pump.

Static electricity can build up when a motorist exits or re-enters the vehicle during fueling. Upon returning to the vehicle fill pipe during or at the end of refueling, motorists may experience a static discharge at the fill point, which may cause a flash fire or small sustained fire with gasoline refueling vapors.

Static electricity-related fires have occurred at AAFES' and other retail gasoline outlets. According to the American Petroleum Institute and the Petroleum Equipment Institute, such incidents are on the increase. To date,

more than 150 incidents have been reported to PEI that have resulted in numerous injuries, property damage and one fatality.

The most effective means by which a motorist can avoid static electricity problems at the gas pump is to stay outside the vehicle while refueling.

It may be very tempting to get back in the car during extremely cold weather, but the average fill-up only takes around two minutes. Staying outside the vehicle will greatly minimize the likelihood of any build-up of static electricity that could be discharged at the nozzle.

In the rare event a motorist does experience a fire while refueling, it's important to remember to leave the nozzle in the vehicle fill pipe and back away from it. Immediately notify the station attendant to shut off all

dispensing devices and pumps with emergency controls. If the facility is unattended, then use the emergency shutdown button to shut off the pump and use the emergency intercom to summon help. Leaving the pump nozzle in the vehicle will prevent any fire from becoming more dangerous.

Motorists who feel the need to get back into their vehicle during refueling should discharge any static buildup upon exiting the car before going back to the pump nozzle. This can be done safely by touching a metal part of the vehicle, such as the door or some other metal surface, with a bare hand.

For more information on avoiding potential problems with static electricity build-up at the pump and other safe motor fuel refueling, storage and handling guidelines, visit the API Web site at www.api.org/consumer and PEI's web site at www.pei.org/static. (Courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.)

Community Mailbox

Chapel services

Religious services take place at the following dates and times. Call the 52nd Fighter Wing Chapel Service Office at 452-6711 for details.

Spangdahlem AB Chapel

- Mass, Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.
- Protestant candlelight, Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- Jewish Shabbat, each Friday at 5 p.m.
- Epiphany potluck, Jan. 4 at 6 p.m.

Bitburg Annex Chapel

- Mass, Wednesday at 10 a.m.
- Protestant candlelight, Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- Liturgical with communion, Tuesday at 9:30 p.m.
- Mass, Dec. 31 at 7 p.m.
- Watchnight, Dec. 31 at 10:30 p.m.

Commissary holiday hours

Spangdahlem Air Base

- Monday, open 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, closed.
- Dec. 31, open 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 1, closed

Bitburg Annex

- Monday, open 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, closed
- Dec. 31, open 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 1, closed

Education center holiday hours

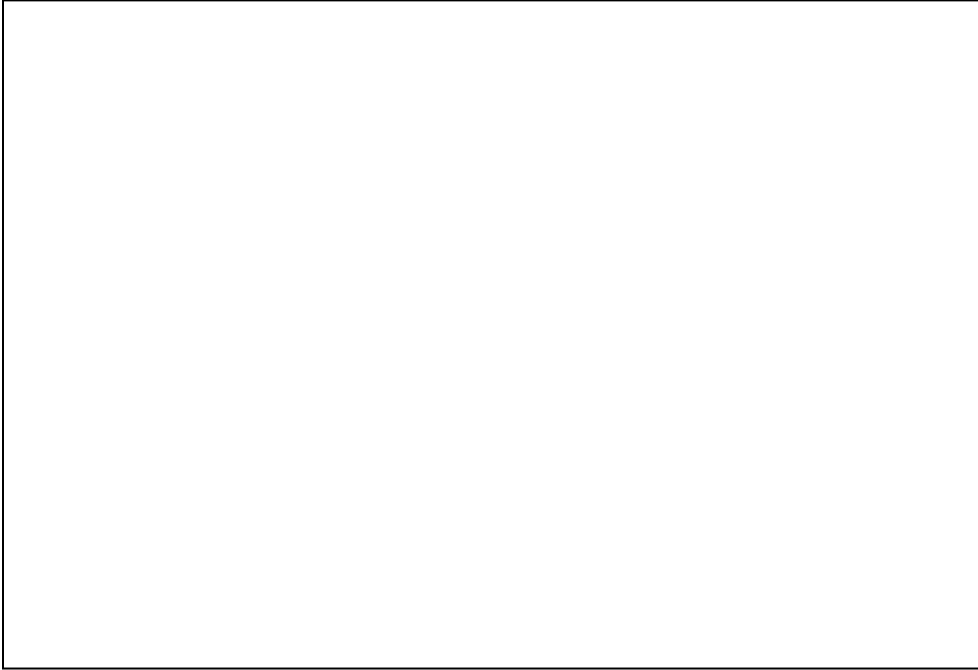
The following is a revised listing of education center holiday hours. Call the center at 452-6335 for more information.

- Base education center is closed Wednesday, Thursday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.
- University of Maryland University College and City Colleges of Chicago offices are closed Monday through Jan. 1.
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Oklahoma University offices are closed Monday through Jan. 1.

Community bank holiday hours

Spangdahlem AB

- Closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- Dec. 31, open 9 a.m. to noon.
- Jan. 8, open noon to 4 p.m.



Tech. Sgt. Joseph Springfield

Light-hearted

Speicher government-leased housing residents show their festive spirit by lighting up the night with seasonal decorations. This is the second consecutive year residents on Elsterweg have gone “all out” with holiday adornments.

Bitburg Annex

- Closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Jan. 1.
- Dec. 31, open 10 a.m. to noon.
- Jan. 9, open noon to 4 p.m.

- Salsa night, Jan. 4 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

- Jazz night, Jan. 5 and 12 from 5-9 p.m.

Spang Club Cockpit Lounge

- Flashback 60’s and 70’s night, Jan. 17.

Service Credit Union hours

Service Credit Union closes Tuesday at 1 p.m. through Wednesday. Regular hours resume Thursday. The branch also closes Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. through Jan. 1. Regular hours resume Jan. 2. Call 452-6674 for details.

Graduate social

A social for family members who are visiting during their college break or have graduated from high school takes place Monday at 7 p.m. at the Coffee Mill House, Spangdahlem AB building 139. Drinks and music are provided, but hors d’oeuvre donations are appreciated. For more information, e-mail Sandra Pumbo at pumbobfamily@t-online.de.

Dancing

Dance for fun and fitness at the following times and locations. Call the Saber Club at 452-6090, Spang Club at 452-452-7494 or Club 2012 at 452-9012 for more information.

Saber Club ballroom

- Country and western night, each Friday beginning in January. Two-step, line dance and swing to country music hits. Open to all ranks.

Saber Club Stripes Lounge

- Variety music, Friday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Entry is free to members, non-members pay \$6.

- The chess club meets Jan. 4.

- A local area network party takes place Jan. 11 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Players should bring a computer and headphones. Cost is \$5 per person.

- “Magic: The Gathering” tournament takes place Jan. 12 from noon to 6 p.m. All skill levels welcome. Cost of \$25 per person includes playing materials and instructions.

College grant

Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant applications are currently available by visiting www.afas.org, or at either family support center location on Spangdahlem AB or the Bitburg Annex. The grant, sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, is designed to help supplement funding for military sons and daughters attending an accredited college, university, or vocational school on a full-time basis. For more information, call Bill Triplett, base financial counselor, at 452-6422.

Education center news

- Course 5, senior NCO professional military education course, is now Course 12. The course may be available in January. Materials are currently on backorder. For more information, call the education office at 452-6063 or visit [www.maxwell.af.mil/au/cepme/-\(no hyphen\)course5/home_5.htm](http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/cepme/-(no%20hyphen)course5/home_5.htm).

- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers a two-week course in aircraft accident investigation starting Jan. 6. Also, a three-weekend class in air cargo management begins Jan. 11. Call 452-7553 for details.

BHS news

Bitburg High School officials seek volunteers to join the school booster club. A committee meeting takes place Jan. 15 at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room. Also, school officials seek people to organize a parent volunteer club. Call Elke Zschaebitz at 06565-619202 for details.

ITT branch closes

The Bitburg Annex Information, Tickets and Tours office is closed as of today. The Spangdahlem AB ITT Office is located in the community activity center. Call 452-6567 or 452-6207 to reserve tours.

AAFES news

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service deployment policy offers Military Star card holders reduced rates with no down payments for people deployed for a minimum of 90 days in conjunction with a Joint Chief of Staff deployment order. Call the base exchange general manager’s office at 452-9065 for details.

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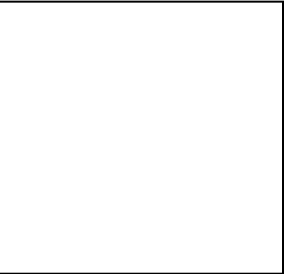
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Unit	Goal	Flown
22FS	92	101
23FS	114	84
81FS	40	32

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Spiritual note

Chaplain: Share the joy of giving freely

By Chaplain (Col.) Carl M. Andrews
52nd Fighter Wing Chaplain

Once a upon a time, what seems like a thou-
sand years ago, during this holiday season, a fam-
ily made an appointment with me. What made this
appointment a little unusual was they wanted to
meet with me at my home.

So accordingly, a few days later, at 7 p.m., a
family of five trooped into the living room. They
arranged themselves comfortably. After they had
some tea and coffee in their hands, the father
opened the conversation.

“You maybe were wondering why we invited
ourselves over to your home instead of the
office.”

I indicated that I was curious.

“Because we did not want anyone to know
who we were,” one of the kids responded.

Now, I was very curious.

The father then opened a brown paper bag and
took out a stack of money. He indicated there as
something like \$4,500 in the stack. There was.

The youngest boy said, very excitedly, that it

was all the money that we would have spent on
Christmas presents this year.

Now I was confused.

The mother finally got a chance to speak.

“We want you to give it all away to others that
would not have a Christmas or to anyone who is
in need. But there is a catch — they are not to
know who gave you the money and that there are
no strings attached.”

Man, did I have a blast! Have you ever had the
chance to give away money? To give away oth-
ers’ gifts? Have you ever considered the joy you
have when you make a difference in someone’s
life and the credit is not even yours?

It took me about a week to give all of it away
to those in need. What a joy! It gave joy to both
the giver and the receiver!

This holiday season, we have a lot to celebrate
and for major faith groups, December is a special
month to celebrate. The Islamic celebrate
Ramadan, the Jewish celebrated Hanukkah, and
the Christians celebrate Christmas. Regardless of
where your faith originates, we all celebrate the

joy of giving — the giving beyond oneself.

I encourage all of us, during this holiday sea-
son, to remember the art of giving joy with no
strings attached.

We all can give. Some of those gifts would be
to let our God, our spouse, our children and our
friends know how much we love them and how
important they are to us. Just tell them how criti-
cal they are to your life and your existence. Hug
them. Smile at them. Share with them your love.

The funny thing is that, if you are capable of
giving with no strings attached, you may find this
holiday will not be filled with all those unrealistic
expectations and demands that so often creep into
our lives this time of the year.

The other funny thing is, if we can give with
no strings attached, you may find that the joy we
share in life is not a temporary one, but rather,
one that goes on. This can make the holiday sea-
son become a real joyous one!

God bless you all this Christmas, this
Hanukkah, this Ramadan and this New Year!

Direct Lines

Home alone

Question: People have told me
a variety of different ages
and time limits in which chil-
dren can be left unattended.

I have heard a 10-year-old can be left
unattended for two hours; a 7-year-
old for 45 minutes and a 6-year-old
can never be left unattended.
Members of the security forces
squadron have confirmed this infor-
mation.

However, what about other ages?
I’ve heard a 12-year-old can watch
siblings and a 13-year-old can baby-
sit, but for how long? Can a 4-year-
old go to the park across the street
with an older sibling for 15 minutes?

I’m sure there are many other peo-
ple stationed who would benefit from
this policy information.

Answer: This question fre-
quently crops up, so I’ve
included the details of the
current wing policy on this issue. It’s
important to note that these are guide-
lines for our social agencies — such
as police, fire, family advocacy, legal
and OSI — to use in making specific
case determinations. Everyone should
remember each child is unique, has
different strengths, special needs and
vulnerabilities that must be consid-
ered individually. These are minimum
standards, and should be applied with
a solid dose of parental judgment and
with the error on the side of the safe-
ty of the child. Call the Spangdahlem
Air Base family advocacy office at
452-8279 or the Bitburg Annex office
452-3130 with specific questions.

■Newborns to age 6 aren’t permit-
ted to be left unattended in quarters,
outdoors or in a vehicle. Children up
to age 6 aren’t old enough to baby-sit.

■Children ages 7-9 can be left
unattended in quarters for a maxi-
mum of 45 minutes; unattended out-
doors for a maximum of three hours
with parental checks every 20 min-
utes; and in a vehicle with the key
removed for a maximum of 10 min-
utes. They aren’t old enough to baby-
sit for siblings or outside the home.

■Children ages 10-11 can be left
unattended in quarters for a maxi-
mum of 3 hours, outdoors and in a
vehicle with the key removed for a
maximum of 30 minutes. They aren’t
old enough to baby-sit for siblings or
outside the home.

It’s strongly recommended that all
baby-sitters complete the American
Red Cross baby-sitting basics course
before baby-sitting outside the home.

■Youth ages 16-18 can be left
unattended in quarters, outdoors and
in a vehicle with the key removed.
They can baby-sit for siblings or out-
side the home.

Children should play in age appro-
priate playgrounds. The toddler play-
grounds are for children 5-years-old
and younger, accompanied by parents
or caregivers.

Also, children should be accompa-
nied across streets by an adult or
child 12 years or older.

Children thank military
for keeping ‘home’ safe

(Editor’s note: The
following letter is one of
more than 100 Christ-
mas cards created by
Spangdahlem Air Base
by Matt Arthur Elemen-
tary School third and
fifth graders in
Kathleen, Ga. Mary
Therese, USO master of
ceremonies, delivered
the letters during the
USO tour in November.
Base volunteers
answered letters request-
ing a response.)

Dear soldier,

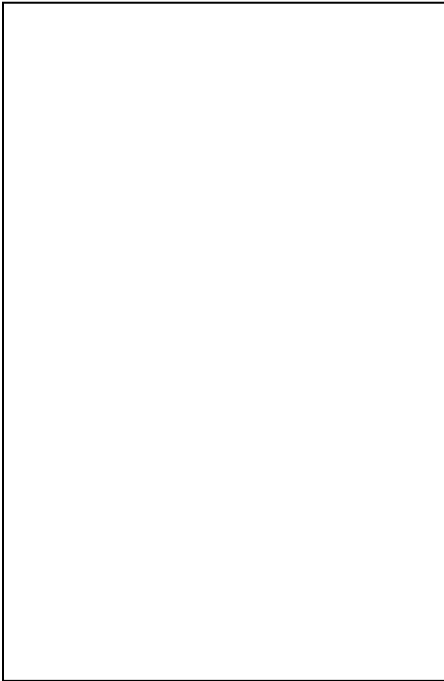
I know it is a very
hard time for you now to
be overseas, away from
your families for the
holidays. You must have
a lot of courage and
bravery to go on such a
special mission. You
have done a lot for our country. It’s hard to believe that you would
risk your own life for our country.

I would like to tell you a little bit about me. I’m a 10-year-old girl.
I have brown eyes and shoulder-length black hair. My favorite hobby
is going shopping at the mall. Also, I am in the fifth grade.

We all love you so much, including the other soldiers. I just can’t
say thank you enough. We are so proud of you. I can trust you and
count on you to be my hero. Thank you so much. You made my day.

Your friend,

Shelonda Ingram, Matt Arthur Elementary, Kathleen, Ga.



Card made by “Jesse” of Matt Arthur
Elementary School. The back reads,
“The soldiers are strong as boulders.”

Sports Shorts

Youth soccer

Advanced soccer players ages 11-18 can practice in Bitburg for the State Europe, Regional 1, Olympic Development Program, beginning Jan. 30. Call Wendy Richters at 06561-945719 to register or for more information.

Volleyball championships

Royal Belgium air force, Florennes, Belgium, sponsors this year’s AIRENORTH volleyball championships, which take place Feb. 17-21. Active-duty members interested in playing must submit Air Force Form 303 to the base fitness center by Jan. 27. Call the fitness center at 452-6496 or Tom Burkett at DSN 496-7954.

U.S. Forces bowling tourney

The annual U.S. Forces Bowling Tournament takes place Jan. 27-30 at the Vogelweh Bowling Center, in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

All U.S. ID cardholders assigned to U.S. Air Forces in Europe are eligible to compete. People TDY to USAFE for 30 days or more also qualify. Permissive TDY is authorized for active-duty participants. The top active-duty Air Force male and female will receive a bid to the Air Force Trial and Training Camp March 5-13.

Entry fee is \$34 per person, \$136 for a four-person team. Tournament registration deadline is Jan. 17.

Call DSN 489-6543 or e-mail henry.holden-(no hyphen)@ramstein.af.mil by Jan. 17 for lodging arrangements. For more information, call Henry Holden at DSN 489-6543 or Master Sgt. Doug Kingery at DSN 496-7935.

Air Force wrestling

Application deadline to the base fitness center to attend Air Force wrestling training camp is Jan. 13. Pick up a copy of Air Force Form 303 at the center or access the form on the Air Force e-Publishing site at www.e-publishing.af.mil/.

Training takes place March 2-May 15 at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, and Colorado Springs, Colo., for qualifying male and female wrestlers. A background in wrestling, judo or other martial arts is desired. For more information, call Bruce Cannady at 452-6496 or e-mail Richard Estrella, Air Force wrestling coach, at fivestar-fam@juno.com.

Recreational trips

Outdoor recreation sponsors the following trips in January. The minimum age for trips is 12, unless listed otherwise. Call 452-7176 or visit the shop in Spangdahlem Air Base building 146, near the Mosel Hall dining facility for more information.

■Snow World indoor skiing and snowboard park, Jan. 4. Cost is \$45.

Standing tall

Michelle Warren guides 8-year-old Jennifer Johns through a gymnastics move at the Bitburg Annex gymnasium Dec. 5. The base youth sports program offers gymnastic instruction for youth ages 18 months to 18 years old. Currently, the gymnastics class instructs 280 students and has a waiting list for new students. Call 452-7545 for more information about this or other youth sports programs.

Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

- Underground quad runners, Jan. 5. Cost is \$55.
- Feldburg ski weekend, Jan. 10-12. Cost is \$195, double rooms only.
- Swiss ski trip, Jan. 17-20. A dorm costs \$260, a quad room is \$300 and a double room is \$340 per person.
- Underground mountain biking, Jan. 25. Cost is \$35.
- Indoor climbing wall, Jan. 26. Cost is \$55.

Bowling

Eifel Lanes Bowling Center is located in Spangdahlem Air Base building 300. Call 452-6217 for more information.

- Holiday hours: The center is open Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., but closed Wednesday. It’s also open for bowling Dec. 31, but closed Jan. 1.
- Bowl in the New Year, Dec. 31 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. No

- reservations required. Lanes offered on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Strikes Grill serves breakfast beginning Monday from 7-11 a.m.
- Color pin bowling, each Friday at 6 p.m. Participants win prizes when they bowl a strike including a colored head pin.
- Glo-bowling, each Saturday at 6 p.m. The center features new lanes and lights.
- Family day, each Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The event features discount games and free shoe rentals.

Fitness center news

The following activities take place at the Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center. Call 452-6496 or 452-6634 for details or to register.

- Holiday hours: The Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center is closed Wednesday. It’s open Tuesday, Thursday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Bitburg Annex fitness center is closed Wednesday and Jan. 1. It’s open Tuesday, Thursday, and Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The Martin Luther King Jr. fun run begins at the fitness center Jan. 3 at 8 a.m.
- Kuk Sool Won classes take place Monday and Wednesday from 7:30-9 p.m., and Friday from 4:30-6 p.m. Cost is \$25 monthly.
- Spinning classes take place each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Call to schedule classes.
- Microfit fitness analyses are available each Tuesday by appointment.

Youth sports news

The Spangdahlem AB youth programs sports office is located in building 427. Call 452-7545 for more information. The Bitburg Annex youth programs sports office is located in the fitness center. Call Alicia Culham at 452-9410 for more information.

■Indoor Soccer registration takes place Jan. 1-31 for children ages 5-15. Additionally, youth sports officials seek volunteer coaches for the indoor soccer season. Call 452-7575 or 452-9408 for more information.

Eifel Mountain golf

- Throughout December, the Pro Shop snack bar offers basewide breakfast and lunch delivery services. Delivery charge is \$2 for a minimum order of \$20 or more. The snack bar serves breakfast weekdays from 7-11 a.m. and lunch 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 452-6821 for more information.
- The course simulator is open through the winter. Players use regular golf equipment. The simulator offers play from tee to range to the rough on a golfer’s choice of four world-famous golf courses. Cost is \$10 per hour.

Out and About

(Editor’s note: Event dates and times are subject to change. To confirm event details, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. Tourist office agents, who usually speak English, can also confirm event information.)

- Eifel Wanderers take a Paris city walk Jan. 3-5. Cost is \$50 for children, \$100 for adults. Fee includes transportation, lodging and breakfast. Call Theresa Stevens at 06569-963184 or e-mail chatterbox@gruenewald.de to make reservations.
- TuFa Disco Night takes place Saturday at various rooms of the Trier Tuchfabrik cultural center. Music features tunes of the 80s, House, Funk and more. Call 0651-1459930 for details.

- The Christmas Moments music ensemble performs Saturday and Sunday at the Trier Europa hall. For tickets call 0651-1459930.
- Flea markets take place Sunday in front of the Trier Ratio store; in inside and outside the Bernkastel-Kues Gueter hall; inside and outside the Bitburg Flugplatz hall and at the Daun Classico café.
- The Trier Friedrich Spee choir performs Christmas songs Monday at the Trier Jesuiten Church. Call 0651-1459930 for tickets.
- Listen to the Trier Men’s Chamber Ensemble 85 sing Christmas songs Sunday at Trier Jesuiten church. Call 0651-1459930 for details.
- Meike Koester rocks Christmas Eve at the Trier Tuchfabrik cultural center. Call 0651-1459930 for tickets.

- “Project,” a Christmas party takes place Dec. 25-26 at the Pruem market hall. Call 0651-1459930 for tickets.
- Listen to a jazz concert by Trias Dec. 26 at the Wittlich Kaienburg, located in the pedestrian area. Call 0651-1459930 for details.
- A classical concert takes place Dec. 26 at the Wittlich Synagogue. Call 06571-4086 for details.
- Musical Magic performs Dec. 28-29 at the Schweich Bodenlaendchen hall. Call 06502-93380 for tickets.
- Blues Brothers Band Project performs Dec. 28 at the Freudenburg Ducaal hall. Call 0651-1459930 for tickets and details.
- Daniel Lewis Williams and Judith Williams perform New Years Day at the Konz Karthaus cloister.

- For details, call 06501-7790.
- See the Chinese National Circus Jan. 4 at the Trier Europa hall. Call 0651-1459930 for tickets.
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- Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in December and January. People should register for trips at least three days in advance. Children’s prices are for ages 3-12, unless specified otherwise. Call the Spangdahlem AB Community Activity Center at 452-6567 for more information.
- New Year’s celebration in Paris two overnight stay, Dec. 30-Jan. 1. Cost is \$160 for children, \$265 for adults.
- New Year’s celebration in Paris overnight stay, Dec. 31-Jan. 1. Cost is \$130 for children, \$199 for adults.
- New Year’s celebration in

- Amsterdam overnight stay, Dec. 31-Jan. 1. Cost is \$169 for adults.
- New Year’s in Berlin overnight stay, Dec. 31-Jan. 1. Cost is \$150 for children, \$175 for adults.
- Cologne city and chocolate museum tour, Jan. 4. Cost is \$29 for children, \$32 for adults.
- Black Forest express tour, Jan. 4. Cost is \$45 for children, \$55 for adults.
- Brussels express tour, Jan. 11. Cost is \$35 for children, \$45 for adults.
- Dinner and wine tasting, Jan. 11. Cost is \$35 per person.
- Villeroy & Boch and outlet mall shopping trip, Jan. 18. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for children.
- Switzerland express, Jan. 18. Cost is \$75 for adults, \$70 for children.

German Christmas festivities guided by Catholic traditions

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Ever try to figure out when the Christmas season starts and ends in Germany? Here's a guide to help people understand the European-style Christmas.

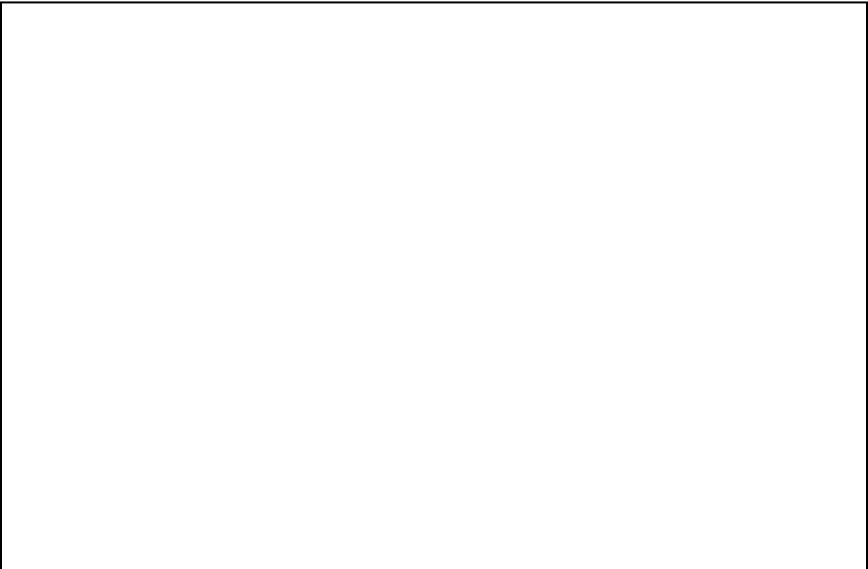
The four Sundays of Advent, a Catholic tradition, mark the beginning of the Christmas celebration, and with it, the beginning of the church year.

Advent, which has existed in the Western church since the 6th century, was originally a time for fasting and prayer. Today, Advent is a time when families prepare for Christmas.

Christmas markets spring to life the first week of Advent and the stores stay open later, often until 6 p.m., the four Saturdays prior to Christmas. This offers people more time for Christmas shopping.

Advent bazaars are also typical of the season. Local villages sell Christmas art and handicrafts inside community halls. Sankt Nikolaus also visits with the children to see if they behaved well throughout the year.

Home-baked Christmas goodies are also a sign that Christmas is coming.



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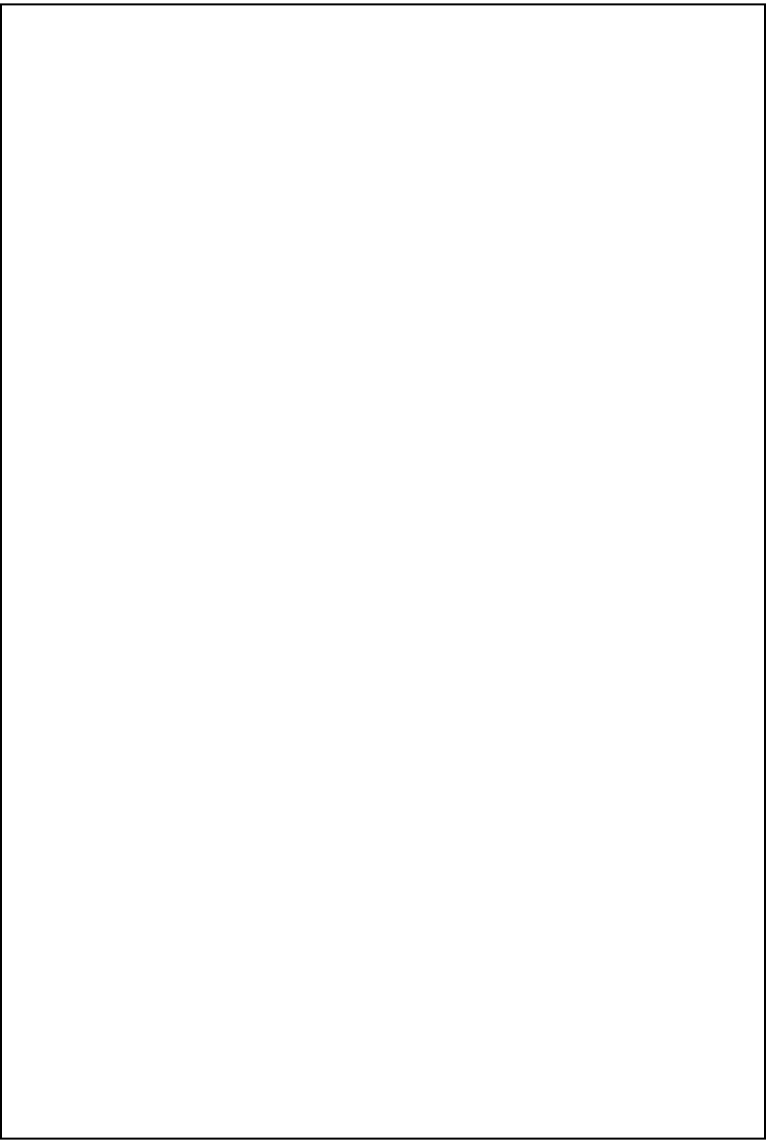
Local German children, dressed as the Three Holy Kings, visit a home offering gifts of song and poetry.

However, a very distinctive symbol of Christmas in Germany is the traditional Advent wreath, which became popular in northern Germany soon after World War I. Since the 1930s, it's become popular throughout the German-speaking parts of Europe.

The wreath is made of fir branches with four candles, one of which is lighted on each Sunday of Advent

until all four are burning together. The fourth candle is lighted Sunday during church services and in people's homes. Some people still pray and sing a Christmas songs after lighting the candles.

The German Christmas season ends with Epiphany Day, always observed Jan. 6. This day signifies the Three Holy Kings finding the messiah.



Church visitors mark the initials of the Three Holy Kings and the year on a house door for good fortune throughout the new year. The markings are written with consecrated chalk.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp .			
Bitburg Castle			
Today			
<i>Santa Clause II (G)</i>			
The new Santa has gotten used to the job and is well-loved across the world. However, a new clause is brought to his attention: The Mrs. Claus. Santa must find a bride, so he hits the single's scene to try and find a mate.			
Saturday			
<i>Santa Clause II (3 p.m.)</i>			
<i>One-Hour Photo (R)</i>			
A young suburban family finds themselves the objects of obsession of an employee at their local one-hour photo lab after they drop off some family photos there. (Sexual content and language.)			
Sunday			
<i>Santa Clause II (3 p.m.)</i>			
<i>Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R)</i>			
In the deadly game of international espionage, sworn enemies Ecks and Sever find the one they're trying to defeat might be the only one they can trust. (Violence.)			
Closed Monday-Wednesday			
Thursday			
<i>Santa Clause II (3 p.m.)</i>			
<i>One-Hour Photo</i>			
Dec. 27			
<i>8 Mile (R)</i>			
A young Detroit rapper learns to deal with his			
emotions and anger through music. Struggling with the psychological drain of being the only white kid around without a supportive family to help him, the rapper turns to music and his girlfriend to find the courage to make the most of his life. (Language, sexuality, violence and drug use.)			
Dec. 28			
<i>The Tuxedo (PG-13)</i>			
A New York cab driver, Charlie McCoy, is hired to chauffeur a spy named Clark Devlin. However, McCoy accidentally discovers a hi-tech, futuristic tuxedo and takes over a covert mission to uncover the secret scheme of bottled water broker Diedrich Banning. (Adult situations, language and violence.)			
Dec. 29			
<i>8 Mile</i>			
Closed Dec. 30-31			
Jan. 1			
<i>8 Mile</i>			
Jan. 2			
<i>The Banger Sisters (R)</i>			
Lavinia and Suzette, former rock groupies and best friends, reunite after 20 years. One is still as wild as ever and the other has adopted a more conservative lifestyle. (Language, sexual content and drug use.)			
Spangdahlem Skyline			
Today			
<i>8 Mile</i>			
<i>The Banger Sisters (10 p.m.)</i>			
Saturday			
<i>The Banger Sisters</i>			
<i>8 Mile (10 p.m.)</i>			
The fourth candle is lighted Sunday during church services and in people's homes. Some people still pray and sing a Christmas songs after lighting the candles.			
Sunday			
<i>I'll Be Home For Christmas (PG, 4 p.m.)</i>			
Jake Wilkinson, a self-absorbed prep school student, awakens to find himself stranded in the middle of a California desert wearing a Santa suit and a white beard glued to his face. Jake has to finds a way to get to New York by 6 p.m. Christmas Eve or risk forfeiting the Porsche his father promised him if he comes home for the holidays.			
Monday			
<i>Santa Clause II (4 p.m.)</i>			
<i>The Tuxedo</i>			
Tuesday			
<i>Santa Clause II (Noon)</i>			
<i>Jack Frost (PG, 4 p.m.)</i>			
Jack, a traveling blues musician, dies in a car accident and then realizes his life mistake of not being there for his son. Jack "comes to life" as a snowman to repair his mortal mistake.			
Closed Wednesday-Thursday			
Dec. 27			
<i>Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG)</i>			
Harry and his friends return for their second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry does battle with Draco Malfoy, the Slytherin Quidditch team and an evil and powerful new foe. (Violence and language.)			
Dec. 28			
<i>Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets</i>			
<i>Barbershop (PG-13, 10 p.m.)</i>			
Calvin inherits his father's barbershop, but always thought it a waste of time. But after selling it to a loan shark, he begins to see the business as something more. (Language, sexual content and drug references.)			
Dec. 29			
<i>Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (4 p.m.)</i>			
<i>Undisputed</i>			
Dec. 30			
<i>Abandon (PG-13)</i>			
College student Catherine Burke must deal with the disappearance of her boyfriend, Embry Langan, when detective Wade Handler begins to investigate Langan's case. Catherine is haunted by memories of Embry and is torn as Handler uncovers new evidence. (Drug and alcohol content, sexuality, violence and language.)			
Dec. 31			
<i>Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (4 p.m.)</i>			
<i>Barbershop</i>			
Closed Jan. 1-2			
Times and movies are subject to change. For more movie information, call 452-9441.			